

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 29, 2000

**FROM: RICHARD A. BAKER, Director
Architecture & Engineering Department**

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SITE MASTER PLAN AND PHOENIX
OUTPATIENT CLINIC RELOCATION – INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS AND
AWARD CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Authorize Auditor Controller by four-fifths (4/5) vote to increase appropriations by \$274,100 in the Capital Improvement Program (Fund-CJV, Dept.-CIP, Org.-9660, Obj.-4030); and 2) Award a \$274,100.00 design contract to Williams Chiao Architects, Inc. (formerly BCER Architects) for the development of a Behavioral Health site master plan and design of a new facility for the Department of Behavioral Health Phoenix Outpatient Clinic.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Phoenix Outpatient Clinic (Clinic) is the largest single clinic in the Behavioral Health Department and provides the public with a full range of mental health services. These services include response to psychiatric emergencies, as well as services to the hearing impaired.

Currently, the Clinic is housed in two separate buildings at the former County Medical Center (CMC) site on Gilbert Street, with a total combined square footage of 13,000 s.f. for the program. The active and continually increasing clinic caseload gives rise to the need for a larger building which will improve efficiency and safety by providing for the consolidation of clinical and clerical staff, increase confidentiality by eliminating the transport of client charts between buildings, and allow for future expansion and flexibility.

Consultant services will be twofold: 1) the development of a site-specific master plan for the Behavioral Health Facilities at the Gilbert Street Complex, and 2) the design of a new 20,000 s.f. facility to house the Clinic.

On July 13, 1999 the Board of Supervisors approved the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services for these consultant services. Five firms responded to the RFP, of which three firms were short-listed to conduct oral presentations for the consultant selection committee. These firms were : 1) Rosser International, Atlanta, Georgia; 2) BCER Architects, Rancho Cucamonga; and 3) Gary Miller Architect & Associates, Inc., San Bernardino. Oral presentations were conducted on October 28, 1999. The Behavioral Health Department requested a second oral presentation from two firms BCER Architects and Gary Miller Architect & Associates on November 23, 1999. Following these final presentations the consultant selection committee unanimously selected BCER Architects as the most qualified firm. BCER Architects, Inc. and Williams Architects, Inc. have recently merged to form a new architectural firm of Williams Chiao Architects, LLP. This new legal entity filed with the California Secretary of State and was effective January 1, 2000.

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REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been coordinated with John Giblin, County Administrative Office; Rudy Lopez, Director, Department of Behavioral Health; Claudia Rozzi, Behavioral Health Department; Lawrence Vasquez, Behavioral Health Department; Eli Montoya, Department Contract Compliance Designee; and approved as to form by Jean Basle, Deputy County Counsel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This project is funded in the FY 1999/00 Capital Improvement Program and is 100% reimbursable from Behavioral Health Department Realignment Funds (State Sales Tax Revenues). Increase in appropriations includes design and project management costs. Revenues are to be increased by \$274,100 in the Capital Improvement Program (Fund-CJV, Dept.-CIP, Org.-9660, Obj.-9975).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): Fifth

PRESENTER: Richard A. Baker, Director